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SUBJ: RESUMED 55TH SESSION:

SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES (ITEM 6)

1. ECOSOC ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CARRIED OUT DESULTORY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 6---PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES. ABOUT TEN DELEGATIONS NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT'S REPORT (E/5425) ON SUBJECT REQUESTED AT 54TH SESSION WAS DISTRIBUTED ONLY FEW DAYS AGO AND THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY IT PROPERLY TO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE. IN ALSO NOTING THIS US DELEGATE STATED THAT SENSE OF GA AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS WAS THAT ECOSOC SHOULD GIVE ITEM SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT JUST NOTE REPORT AND PASS IT ON TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE 2 FOR DEBATE. HE PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF ECOSOC CONSIDERATION. JAPANESE SUPPORTED ABOVE STATEMENT AND UK REPRESENTATIVE GAVE SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT BY NOTING THAT IT WAS NOT PROPER FOR COUNCIL TO ACT MERELY AS MAIL DROP FOR SECOND COMMITTEE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME SCHEDULE FOR MANY ITEMS, HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO PERU PROPOSAL TO NOTE ITEM AND PASS IT ON.

2. USSR MADE ONLY LENGTHY SUBSTANTIVE INTERVENTION

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CALLING SYG REPORT "UNBALANCED", PARTICULARLY PARAS 11

AND 16. THE REPORT SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POLITICAL FACTORS, I.E., TERRITORY SEIZED BY ISRAEL IN 1967 SHOULD BE MENTIONED. THE REPORT WAS USEFUL, HOWEVER, AS A FIRST STEP IN FULFILLING PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1737 (LIV), HE CONCLUDED. SAME POINT REGARDING TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL MADE BY EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN BRIEF STATEMENT.

3. IN INDICATION OF WHAT IS TO COME IN GA SECOND COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, MOST DELEGATIONS WHICH SPOKE (LAS, PRC, JAPAN, PAKISTAN) RESERVED POSITION ON WHOLE OF REPORT OR, IN CASE OF LAS, SPECIFICALLY ON PART DEALING WITH MARINE RESOURCES.

4. OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO PERU'S PROPOSAL TO NOTE REPORT AND CHAIRMAN KARHILO THEN PROPOSED TO NOTE REPORT AND SEND IT TO SECOND COMMITTEE AND TO GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS STUDYING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE ADDED HE WAS PERSONALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THIS PROCEDURE BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME ALLOWED FOR MEETING AND MANY ITEMS ON AGENDA. HE SAID HE HOPED IN ORGANIZING FUTURE WORK OF EXPANDED COUNCIL, MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION. BENNETT

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